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EDWIN I. ALDERMAN.

To most of our readers the portrait of this month is familiar, and the original of the picture well known. Noble Alderman has been an active laborer in the Masonic bodies to which he has belonged from his earliest initiation. He is now serving as Illustrious Potentate of El Kahir Temple, and well earned the honor by a faithful and unselfish devotion to the work of director, a position for which he displayed the qualities of genius seldom equalled. He has served in various positions in all the Masonic bodies of Marion, Iowa, and his friends are a host.

THE SIGNERS' FAD.

Five years ago we asked for evidence in support of the assertion that "fifty-two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons," and we notice that the matter is still under discussion. After careful investigation Bro. General John Carson Smith, of Chicago, says:

"As to the signers of that Declaration of Human Rights, the Magna Charta of our liberties, I have this to say: That after a series of years of investigation, a correspondence with the Grand Secretaries of the thirteen states, the colonies of which formed these United States, and the representatives of which colonies signed our Declaration of Independence, and the investigation of well-known Masonic writers and historians, who have made the search for me, I can find but five signers who were, or who are known to have been Freemasons. That there were others I am ready to believe, but that there has yet been found record evidence, or even well-grounded tradition of others, I do deny. The following are the names of those distinguished members

of the Craft: John Hancock, of Boston, Massachusetts, who was made a Mason in a Quebec, Canada, Lodge, October 14, 1762.

Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia, Penn., Past Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, and one of the earliest members of the Craft in the colonies.

Philip Livingston of New York.

Matthew Thornton, of New Hampshire (was believed to have been a Mason).

William Hooper, of North Carolina.

There you have the "five," and if any brother will give us the names of others, be it from the record or tradition, we will gladly enroll them on the page of honor.

Freemasonry does not have to rely upon fiction for the honor of having enrolled in its membership many of the foremost men of any age or country; history and our records prove that fact, but it is not true that all the distinguished men of all ages and countries are or were Freemasons."

No truer words could be uttered than the above, and we have long since decided that if we laid aside a few paragraphic fads, the institution would suffer no evil consequences and the space used to exploit such "fads" might be filled with matter in the interest of the institution that needs jingoism to dignify it.

THE LODGES.

Out through the central and western part of the State we have heard many commendations of Brother J. F. Woody, of Guthrie Center, for the place of Custodian made vacant by the death of the venerable and beloved brother, W. P Allen. J F. is an able worker and a worthy man anywhere.

COMMANDERIES.

Sir Knights who intend going to Pittsburgh next October can arrange their plans to pay from $10.50 to $12 for the round trip from Chicago. The conclave begins Oct. 11.

Iowa will be fully represented in the Great Triennal Conclave at Pittsburgh, and all intending to go should apply early for accomodations. E. Olin Soule, Gen'l. Passenger Agent, Cedar Rapids, can give you information.

A proposition is before the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the United States to reduce the office of Prelate in the Subordinate Commandery from fifth to ninth in honor, and in Grand Commanderies from fourth to eighth place. We hope it will not be adopted, The Prelate's office is certainly one of honor in a Christian order and should be so recognized.—*Masonic Trowel.*

It would be as well to abolish the office as to make it any more insignificant than it now is. The Prelate is not regarded as a member of the Grand Commander's staff, and though doing much of the ritual work in the commanderies, is never "in line." We've no kick personally.—*Editor.*

GRAND COMMANDER'S SORROW.

Every Fratre of the State and in the region beyond, will join with us in this expression of sorrow and sympathy for our beloved Grand Commander, R. E. Sir F. H. Loring, who has been called upon to mourn the loss of his eldest daughter, Miss Lizzie. Her death occurred on April 3d, 1898, after a somewhat protracted illness. Her many accomplishments, her sterling womanly qualities and her ability in her life work are all things known and appreciated. From personal acquaintance with all of the Grand Commander's family we can say that it has ever been an ideal home. Love has been there enthroned, and all its members are knit together in its bonds. May the Almighty Father comfort and support Grand Commander Loring and his children in their great affliction.

THE EASTERN STAR.

Invitations have been received to attend the Grand Chapter of Indiana April 27-8, and that of Massachusetts May 12. Sorry to miss them.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

The sixth annual reunion of the Rite in the Valley of Buffalo, N. Y., was held March 29-April 1, 1898.

It has been well argued that the magnificent ceremonies of the Degrees of this Rite are too beautiful and instructive to be lightly passed over, and it would be far better to have fewer consistories, go longer distances to reunions, and require more degrees to be worked than to increase the bodies and be compelled to spoil the work with haste.

It is pleasant to note the growing prosperity of the Scottish Rite in this country, both in the northern and southern jurisdiction, remarks the *Freemason's Repository.* From the recently published Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction we gather the following gratifying facts: "There are 32 Consistories, with 21,372 members; 58 Chapters of Rose Croix, with 21,718 members; 63 Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, with 22,666 members; 80 Lodges of Perfection, with 25,012 members. The Supreme Council has cash assets of $167,375.94, all well invested in good-paying securities.—*Boston Ideas.*

St. John's Chapter of Rose Croix, Davenport, Ia., observed Maunday, Thursday, (extinguishing the lights) April 7, 7 p. m. and also Easter Sunday, (relighting) at 3 p. m.

BE A GOOD MASON

Any way. Be a good Mason on your own account. There is no pleasure nor profit in being a Mason of the shelf worn, shop-faded variety. No matter how others, whoever they may be, view it, be a good Mason in the highest sense of the word, and the reward will be personal and satisfactory. This sort of a Mason has a strong interest in the *internal* qualifications that go with the "skill, industry and zeal" that grows with all "proficiency." To be a good Mason you will no doubt meet with many difficulties—be be-set with influences that look like a contradiction of all the Masonic lore you have ever studied—meet with men in many avenues of the fair temple whose presence there is to be accounted for only on the grounds of selfishness and self-seeking; who, if the tinsel and glitter of the slight elevation were stripped off, would not deign to waste their time in wire-pulling and place-hunting—yet you and I, Brother, have nothing to do with this sort—for we are committed to the idea of being good Masons. Let us then go right on in the line we have laid out for ourselves fully determined that as we have asked T. G. A. O. T. U. to keep us steadfast in the performance of our O. B., so we will trust in no lower or meaner power to make us good Masons.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY	Washington	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.

W. D. IRVINE	Sioux City	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.

F. H. LORING,	Waterloo	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.) 1898.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH	Newton	GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris	Manchester	Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

E. L. ALDERMAN	Marion	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

GEO. F. WHITE	Davenport	POTENTATE
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Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

How goes the hour?

Time is the healer and the revealer.

Freemasonry is not decaying nor retrograding. It has a mission.

The very vehemence of fanatical religionists like the man Dowie who lectured in Waterloo, make the Lodge necessary.

While nothing *ought* to stand in place of an institution which claims divine origin if it fulfils its professed mission, it is a fact just the same that Masonry has been and is doing much work of a kind to commend it to human and divine favor.

There is not a brother who does not need a good Masonic periodical coming regularly to his home, and while we cannot boast we claim that ours is as good for the price as any of them.

We acknowledge with thanks invitations to attend many anniversaries to which we'd like to go. Long distance and short funds prevent.

Now comes the time when the Grand Lodge will be coming together, and the crop of candidates for office will be already ripe for the harvest. Too often one hears more sounds of political argument than evidence of labor in the quarries.

E. Olin Soule, General Agent of the Passenger Department of the B., C. R. & N. is booked to be in charge of a special train to Washington for the National Educational Association, to go via B., C. R. & N.; C., R. I. & P. and B. & O. Intending tourists will not forget that E. O. S. is the prince of train managers. All aboard!

The National Masonic Accident Association of Des Moines, (one of our patrons) shows that it did more business in every way the past year than any since it was organized. The only columns in which there is a reduction are in running expenses and liabilities. It is a record to be proud of.

WHERE'S IT AT.

There is a Grand Jurisdiction in the United States wherein a brother is allowed to disclose his ballot. He is allowed to disclose a blackball if he chooses, but not a white one. Queer kind of a rule, law, custom, usage or whatever it may be, and seems to embody a distinction without a difference.—*Kansas Freemason.*

Pooh, we know a place where, inside of twenty minutes after a rejection, it was known on the streets of the town, and next morning the candidate's mother was told by a neighbor woman that "her son had been blackballed last night." If that "Grand Jurisdiction" beats that we'll tell some more.

FORMAL OPENING
OF
The Masonic Temple,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

THE INVITATION:

Yourself and lady are invited to attend the formal opening of the Masonic Temple
on
Thursday evening, April twenty-eighth, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-eight, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Committee on Invitations:

C. H. Cogswell, John T. Hamilton, E. E. Clark, James Morton, Robert Williams.

Tickets $3.00 per couple.

This should be an occasion of popular attendance, as the proceeds will go towards the furnishing of the new Masonic apartments on the fifth floor of the new Temple.

The date of dedication is not yet decided upon.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

The claim that the Negro Shriners have "received their authority more directly from the fountain-head in Arabia than the White Mystic Shriners" is, to say the least, ridiculous. "Rofelt Pasha, an Arab, and deputy from the Grand Council of Arabia," is either a mythical personage, or else he worked Mr. Jones "in Chicago on June 1, 1893." The similarity of their expressions, titles of offices, etc., to the old Shrine ritual shows through too plainly to fool any of us who know the true history of the order. There is not now and never was a "Grand Council of Arabia."

Ararat Temple, Kansas City, is out with an announcement that they want all nobles journeying to Dallas to go via their Oasis and join the Hejira via the C., R. I. & P. from there. We think we'll all want to be with Ararat for a few hours, and a general rendezvous should be arranged there, as it is on the edge of the "Great Desert" where our water skins will have to be filled for our "last drink" till we get to Texas.

We are in receipt of a personal invitation to be at St. Joe, Mo., May 10-12 to participate in a number of important events, among them a meeting of Moila (10th), as a guest of Noble J. W. Gibson. How we regret other duties intervening.

New Hampton's All Right!
The Auditorium Safe!
Fire Damage Slight.

The Meeting for May 3d a Go

Read Babcock's Letter.

New Hampton, Iowa, April 11, 1898.

Jno. Westley Geiger, Recorder El Kahir,

DEAR NOBLE:—I see by the "Dubuque Times" that the report has gone out that our Auditorium is totally destroyed. That is all nonsense. While the loss is about $2,500, it is confined to the roof, windows, basement, etc., and everything will be in apple pie order by May 3d. Please help us counteract any detrimental reports.

Yours in Haste,

A. BABCOCK,

Chief High Medical Examiner.

TO OUR SHRINE READERS: The Editor of this Journal and Recorder of El Kahir Temple, personally visited New Hampton, on April 13th, and inspected the Firemen's Auditorium—reported by the papers to be in ashes. He is glad to report that the damage will be repaired so as to give no inconvenience whatever to the meeting of May 3d. A temporary roof is on. A ball was held in the building on the 11th, and Doctor Babcock says "we could have held the Shrine meeting the day of the fire if necessary." Let our readers spread the good news.

New Hampton, Iowa, April 14, 1898.

Fraternally and Faithfully,

Jno. W. Geiger, Editor.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

Through Grand Master Tilton, we are in receipt of the initial number of the "A. O. U. W. Monthly Magazine," J.W. Kinsley, P. S. M. W., editor and proprietor, Helena, Mont., $3 per year. It has 78 pages of the most valuable fraternal material, and while devoted to workmanship, is yet just as valuable to any fraternalist. Its monthly digest of fraternal law is worth all it costs for a year.

At first glance we thought that the title of the new order composed of Pythians in San Francisco, called the "Infernal Order of Kings of Purgatory" was reprehensible, but now we don't; for since the symbolic list of names for burlesque orders is about legion, it will be all right for the I. O. K. of P. to go right on—there is nothing so "infernally" bad about its published plans, and as "Purgatory" is nowhere it can easily give its initiates a "hot time" instead.

FRATERNAL INSURANCE DECISION.

JOLIET, ILL., April 13, 1898.

A case that is of great interest in fraternal insurance circles was decided to-day in the circuit court. Barbara Fitz secured a verdict of $1,000 against the Catholic Order of Foresters on account of the death of her husband. Mr. Fitz was a member of Court No. 119, and a year ago was suspended for nonpayment of dues. The case was won on the wording of the order's by-laws, which stated that a member could not be suspended when too poor to pay dues, as under such circumstances the assessments should be paid by the lodge.

THE NON-AFFILITE.

This widely discussed individual still continues to take the attention of the Grand bodies throughout the country. Some of the legislation indulged has all the evidence of haste, and some smacks of the "technical" jingoism of *tweedle dee* and *tweedle dum*! When a man demits he knows that it cuts him off naturally from the privileges of membership in the particular lodge, but when the sweeping proposition is made to deny the privileges of attendance at or the ceremony of Masonry at his funeral it goes too far. Many reasons exist why all are not intentionally non-affiliates, and for such there should be no exclusive law. We often fear that much of our boasted "Universal" Masonry means not a Mason always and everywhere, but "a mason who is able to pay his dues and who is fortunate enough never by any process to have been a non-affiliate."

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family,—Editor.

Bro. Dr. Mellett, burial Anamosa - - - - - - - March 12, 1898

Miss Lizzie Loring, Waterloo - - - - - - - - April 3, 1898

William Paget Allen, Dubuque, Ia. - - - - - - - March 22, 1898

Robert N. Cannon, Philadelphia, E. Tenn. - - March 28, 1898

Wm. B. Taliaferro, P. G. M., Glouster County, Va. - - Feb. 27, 1898

BOOK TABLE.

From R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Carrington, G. S., we are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Dec, 7-9, 1897, held in Richmond.

From R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, G. S., the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for 1898.

From Ill. Grand Secretary B. W. Rowell, the By-Laws of Massachusetts Consistory 32° A. A. S. R. Boston, Mass.

From R. W. Bro. William A. Sinn, G. S., the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1897.

The Masonic year book of Dubuque, Iowa, is a refreshing and helpful little volume sent to us by some one of the Dubuque Brothers.

"Ursus," the prize poem in the April *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines), by Beatrice Harlowe, of Milwaukee, vividly pictures the arena scene in Quo Vadis. Another prize contribution to that number is a beautifully illustrated paper entitled "Israels and the Dutch Painters," by Mary A. Kirkup, of Fort Dodge, recently returned from her art studies abroad. The fiction department leads off with a thrilling wolf story by that prince of adventure story tellers, Frank W. Calkins. The number is further enriched by latest portraits of the wives of several new senators, also a fine picture of the wife of Speaker Reed. All the features of this number are admirably well sustained.

SHORT ITEMS.

Brother Rambo in Taggart's Times, says: "The average Mason knows very little law or jurisprudence, because he don't read." What's the use, Brother Rambo, when every Mason is a law unto himself, and as long as he pays his dues is in "good standing." Even when the average Mason reads he believes the publisher works because he loves the craft and can't help it, and he is a millionaire and don't know what to do with his coin. The Tyler has contributed $15,000 in unpaid subscriptions to such beautiful wall flowers, who mar the beautiful Masonic edifice.—*Tyler.*

There is nothing in the world that has the power to create between men living in different countries, speaking different tongues, and never seeing the faces nor hearing the voices of each other, an affection so warm and constant as that of Mason for Mason. Also, Freemasonry not only brings together, as nothing else in the world can, men who without it would never have known each other, but it creates mutual liking and esteem where without it one man, on account of politics or religious differences, would have lived in the firm belief that the other was not fit to be either liked or esteemed.—Albert Pike.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CHARM SAVED HIM.

At the I. & G N. Ry. train robbery, which occurred at McNeil, Oct. 12, '97, Bro. J P. Edwards, of Wagoner, I. T., was startled by a man bursting into the car closely pursued by another with a drawn pistol. As the escaping man entered the door Bro. Edwards caught sight of a Knight Templar's charm. He did not know a hold-up was in progress, but supposed it was a fight, and when he saw the man fall and his pursuer about to shoot he realized that a brother was in danger of his life, and he threw himself on the assailant and diverted the pistol, when it was turned point blank against his own breast and fired.

Edwards thought himself killed—the powder burned his shirt front, and cut away his necktie, and before he fully recovered himself the robber had other matters to attract his attention The man who wore the charm is Capt. Jack Haley, the conductor, and to it he undoubtedly owes his life.—*The Texas Freemason.*

BRING OUR HEROES HOME.

This stirring and patriotic song, which has just been issued and dedicated to the Heroes of the U. S. Battleship Maine, entitled "Bring Our Heroes Home," is deserving a foremost place among our national songs. The words and music are of a character that arouses the utmost sympathy and patriotism in the hearts of every American. The publisher will mail a copy of this great song and eighteen other pages of new and popular vocal and instrumental pieces arranged for the piano or organ, on receipt of twenty-five cents. Address, POPULAR MUSIC CO.
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BROTHERLY LOVE—TRUTH.

Grand Master Worth, New Merico, in his annual address, 1895, said:

"In conclusion, it is clearly my duty to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the rapid and extensive growth of a disease that is threatening the very existence of the fraternity, that is, the frequency with which the Masonic obligation to protect the reputation, person and well-being of a brother Mason, are constantly disregarded in this jurisdiction.

"I will not attempt to indulge in high-flown generalities, but will endeavor to speak of the subject in straightforward words of soberness and truth.

"If our solemn obligations entered into at the altar of Freemasonry are merely 'as sounding brass or tinkling cymbals,' we had better cease administering them, for it seems from what we read in the public press that in New Mexico the Masonic obligations are 'more honored in the breach than in the observance.'

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"Brethren, unless we set about changing this condition of affairs, Masonry deserves to become a fit subject for scoffing—a by-word in the land. Have we come to regard the Blue Lodge merely as an institution to formally qualify its members for admission into other more modern orders?

"All Masons must now unite in upholding Masonic obligations, duties and honors in every degree of the fraternity. When they do this the principles of Freemasonry will be preserved in their pristine purity, to the benefit not only of Masons, but of the entire world. If they do not, the institution should, as it certainly will, perish from the earth."—*The Tyler.*

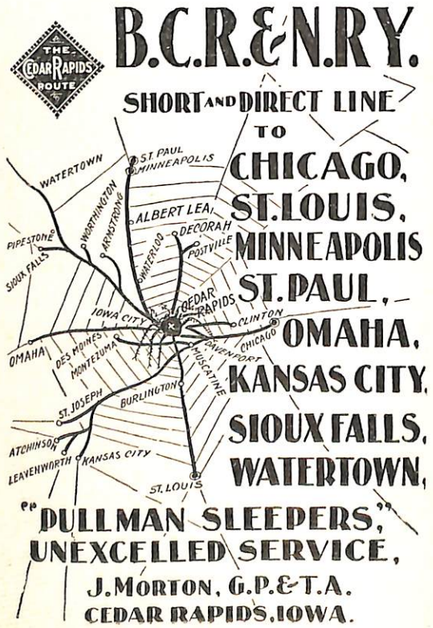
Freemasonry exercises a beneficent ministry in the formation of deep and lasting friendships between brethren. It furnishes a whole stimulus to tender and noble sentiment; it draws a man out of himself, so to speak, and puts him in touch with his neighbor; it makes the occasion and gives the opportunity for cultivating an acquaintance with one's associates, and out of such an acquaintance a mutual regard often ensues. Blessed are the pure and abiding friendships resulting from Masonic intercourse and teaching!—*Repository.*

To be a Mason and to live a Mason are two different things. The one requires knowledge and the other is the application of that knowledge to daily life. Thousands of men are Masons, but how few of them rigidly practice its teachings in their intercourse with their fellowmen. It is the old story of theory and practice. We know what should be done but hesitate to do it. Why? Who can tell? It is not because to live a Mason is so difficult, for there is nothing required which is not alike equitable and practicable, nor are its precepts hard to follow, but the worldliness of our associates, with the prospects of temporary gain, is allowed to secure too ready a mastery over our better teachings even with the knowledge that in the end we shall have more lasting benefits.—*Boston Ideas.*

"DE" OR "DI?"

Demit is a word not infrequently substituted for the peculiarly expressive Masonic term, dimit. Lexicographers, and others not always over well qualified for the important tasks which they have undertaken, have been much to blame for its use amongst craftsmen. Demit has no strictly Masonic meaning. Dimit has. A brief examination of the derivation and composition of these terms will clearly show such to be the case. Demit is from the Latin words *de* and *mitto*. Dimit is from *dis* and *mitto*. In general the force of *de* is down, as in de scend, and of *dis* or *di* in separation. To demit a person is to put him on a lower plane—to degrade him. To dimit him is to separate him from what he has been united to without otherwise affecting his status, hence dismission from a Lodge. A dimit having been granted to a brother, he is for the time an unaffiliated Freemason. No intelligent brother for a moment supposes that a "dimit" makes him a non-Mason. Every genuine Freemason knows perfectly well what constitutes the truth of the apothegm: "Once a Freemason always a Freemason."—*Secret Society Herald.*

I have many times in my life been struck, not only as touching the obsequies of distinguished Masons, but of others great and small in public life, when listening to or reading of the magnificent funeral orations, the flights of fancy and eloquent depicturing of the life and doings of the deceased, words often—dare I say it, empty words—of adulation showered upon the poor clay, for what? To please the living? to glorify the orator? Certainly of no benefit to the dead. How better far it would be if while breath was in that body, while he was moving around and among us as a living reality, we had then said to him those kind words now so lavishly outpoured on his insensate clay, and done for him those kind acts which the possessor of such a character so richly merited.—Corbet Locke, G. M. of Manitoba.



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